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Dear Jeff,

PM1322 ARGENTINA - Our file: 30591

Our associates have reported the following brief action on this application, having a term for reply expiring 12th May 1991:

> "The object of this application infringes the rights derived from patents 236,296 and 237,837,"

We have not been sent copies of these references but they are identified as two A J Reynolds patents corresponding respectively to USSN 650604/684537 and USSN 769532/790489. These are very familiar to us all so I presume that we can agree on a mode of reply without much ado.

You have recently given me a very helpful discussion on the relative importance of the features of various dependant claims in connection with an action from Taiwan in which the Examiner wished to include many additional features in Claim 1. I will bear this information in mind when drafting responses in other countries but, in the present case, no specific demand for limitation of the broad claim is made instead, we merely have to overcome the cited references and the most important novel features of the innvention are already identified as such in Claim 1. Our Argentine associates have come to the same conclusion although their suggested arguments refer to certain aspects, such as the aluminium foil, which are not themselves essential features of the invention.

If you have any further comments or suggestions, please let me have them. Otherwise, I shall simply expect your instructions to argue the case on the present claim wording.

Yours sincerely

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